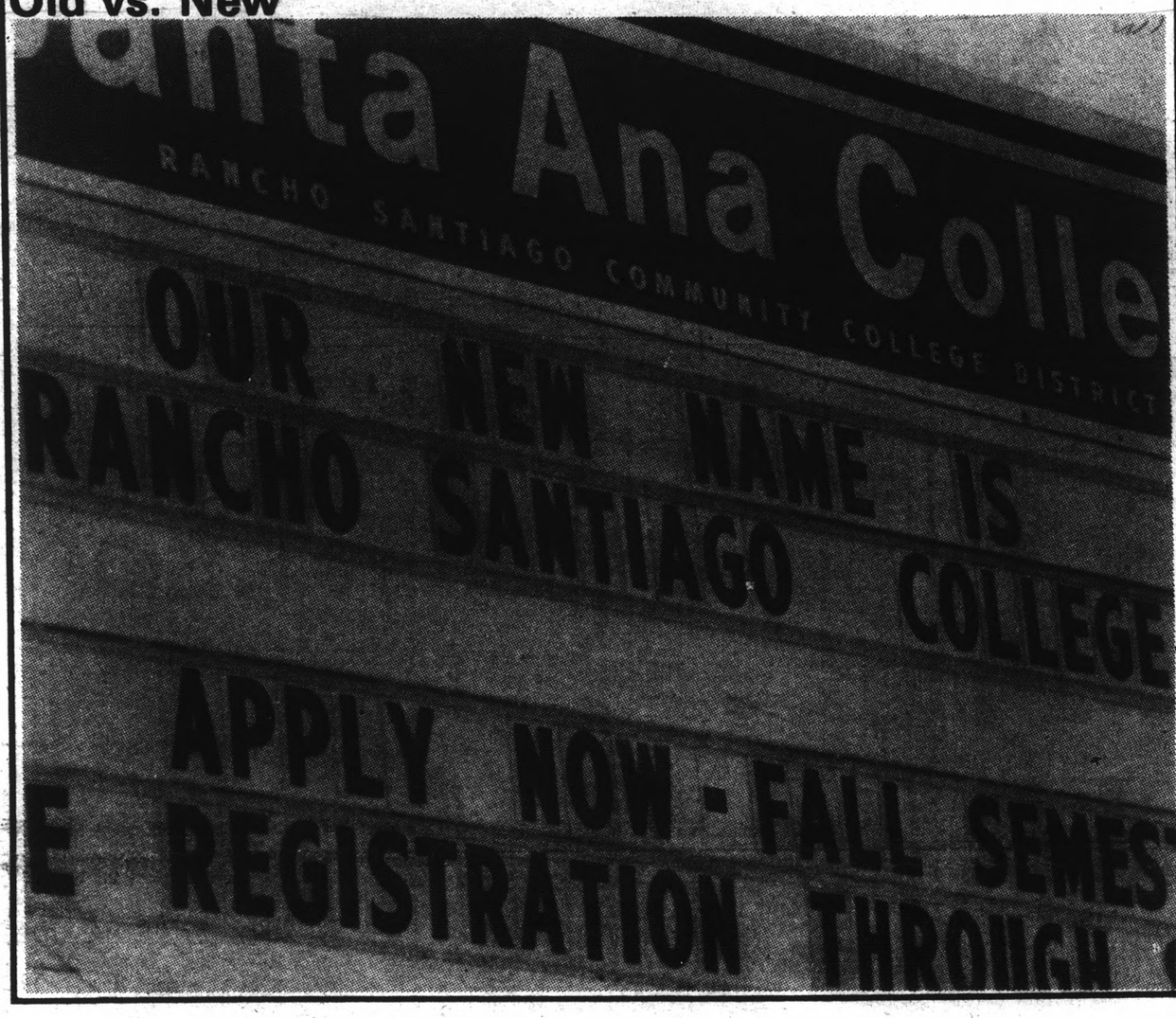
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Old vs. New



Campus faces identity crisis

by Kelly Ward
Editor-in-Chief

The sign by the Garden Grove Freeway off-ramp still says "Santa Ana College".

But on campus, the college's 70-year-old name has been abandoned by the RSCCD trustees. The board decided last spring that the label "Rancho Santiago College" more clearly describes the area served by the four-campus college.

The controversy that was stirred last spring by the name change now seems all but forgotten.

Even students who unsuccessfully fought the change say they have given up and begun to accept Rancho Santiago as the name.

"We're not planning to take any more action," said ASB Vice-President Ken Beko. "The only way we would take action is if someone presents us some new evidence or gives us a new approach to take. Otherwise, it will remain as it stands now," said Beko with a serious look.

Dr. Robert Jensen, RSCCD president, said Santa Ana College's long-standing tradition of academic excellence would continue. "The only thing that has changed is the name," he stated.

According to Jensen, reaction to the new name has been positive. "There are some people who wonder why we did it. But, overall, the response has been good."

Jensen is quick to admit that not everyone is familiar with the new name. "When I was working at the college booth for the Orange Street Fair, people would come up and say, 'What's Rancho Santiago College?'", he said with a chuckle. "I guess we will have to double bill for a while and say Rancho Santiago College, formerly Santa Ana College, until people are more familiar with the name," he added.

Speaking about RSC's future, Jensen said, "We're off and running! "Actually," he continued, "we're the third oldest college in the state, and we're also one of the newest."

Campus debuts in Orange

By Tracie Elenz and Richard Lind
Staff Writers

More than 2,000 students are attending Rancho Santiago College's newest satellite campus, which opened amid scattered complaints about class offerings, noise and parking.

The Orange Canyon Campus, located near the intersection of Chapman and Newport avenues, opened Aug. 26 after two years of construction. Some students say the new campus is hard to find. But, otherwise, they say, it has not caused them much anxiety. A few students, though, complained of inconvenient class offerings and noise.

"The residents (homeowners) have come to register and have said we're glad you're here," said Terry Wilksen, a worker in the main office.

However, one resident, Bob Bennyhoff of nearby Orange Park Acres complained Monday that students are parking in residential areas instead of the school's lot to avoid paying parking fees. Bennyhoff, speaking at the district trustees' meeting, said noise and pollution from the students' cars are disturbing residents and animals in the equestrian community.

While enrollment exceeded district officials' expectations, some students complained that their classes were being dropped because of small class tallies. "The campus (Orange Canyon) enrollment is good for being a new campus," said admissions Director Harold Bateman.

Not so, according to Gina Darocha, one disgruntled art student.

> **"They have secretaries working up there as counselors ... They are really insensitive ... one lady literally told me to open my (class schedule), close my eyes and just pick anything."**

Two of Darocha's art classes were dropped because of low attendance. She needs 12 credits per semester to qualify for financial aid. Now she is forced to take a course in electronics, which has nothing to do with her major, Darocha said.

"They have secretaries working up there as counselors...They were really insensitive....one lady literally told me to open my (class schedule), close my eyes and pick—just pick anything," Darocha said.

But Richard Sneed, vice president of academic affairs, responded, "Everyone is doing such a good job, and there have been good comments...Everyone has really pulled together," he stated.

Originally, enrollment had been projected at less than 2,000. Actual enrollement is 2,665, college officials said. "It's looking good," Sneed said of the enrollment figures.

Also, according to college President Robert Jensen, there have been no real problems. "Students and teachers have a pioneering spirit."

Student Brett Morrision disagreed, saying he must travel from Huntington Beach to Orange because that campus offers the only 8 a.m. English 101 class. Normally he would attend the Santa Ana campus, Morrison said.

Said office worker Wilksen: "But the students have been really understanding and patient."

According to administrators, the second building should be ready to house classes by early November.

"The campus is late, but wasn't the Santa Ana Campus (during its rebuilding) late?" Sneed said.



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE-Rancho Santiago's new baby is not yet complete. There is still much work to be done.
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Mike Padilla

News Briefs

Dressed to kill ... Today from 8 p.m. until midnight, upstairs in the Johnson Center, ASB presents a free dance featuring The Tim Moyer Band. Also, there will be refreshments and lots of fun! Students must show beige ASB/ Library card for entry. Each student may bring one guest.

Add/ Drop ... You may drop a class any time until Nov. 15. A $10 fee will be charged when droping after the second week.

Pep Squad ... Be a part of the award-winning team. Deadline applications for basketball season 1985-86 are Sept.25 and 26 east &/ or west patio of the Johnson Center. Tryouts begin 6 p.m. Oct 2 in G-107.

Free Noon Lecture ... Artist Christa Schubert will discuss computer graphics during the Speakers Forum Wednesday in room C-104. Schubert has designed software for application in print and animation. Also, Schubert has been an artist for more than 18 years designing for such agencies as Saul Bass, Bright and Associates, Sussman and Prejza and Design West.

RSC Day at Disneyland ... The campus' special day at the Anaheim theme park is Sept. 22, 9a.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is $10 per person. Students, friends and families can enjoy unlimited ride usage and parking.

Jog-A-Thon ... The first annual Jog-A-Thon and All American Boys Chorus Concert will be hosted by The Santa Ana Jaycees on Sept. 21 from 8 a.m. to midnight at Rancho Santiago's Track and Cook Gym. This is your opportunity to help support your local Jaycees in their various community service activities.

Student Government needs you! ... Join student government, and be a part of planning RSC activities. Freshmen Senate applications will be available through Wednesday to students carrying seven or more units, but having completed no more than 24 units with a G.P.A. of 2.0 or better.



Let's Dance... The ASB has provided funding for the amphitheater's renovation. The area is being cemented so students can dance.

Enrollment

Decline visible at RSC

by Kelly Ward
Editor-in-Chief

Enrollment for the Rancho Santiago Community College District is down 1.9 percent, according to Hal Bateman, Dean of Admissions and Records. Bateman reported the statistics on enrollment to the board of trustess early this week.

The total number of students registered for fall, 1985 is 20,846, which is 402 students less than last years' total of 21,248. The new Orange Canyon Campus has an enrollment of 2,665, Bateman said.

"We are beginning to draw out students from the Orange area because of the new site," he added.

Many of the students at the new Orange campus are first time students who are taking classes at more than one campus, according to Bateman. "I estimate that of the 2,665 students at Orange Canyon, about 1,000 are taking classes at other sites too," he added.

> "We (all the county community colleges) are in the same ball park. Everyone's enrollment has dropped."

Other areas have differences in enrollment compared to last years' figures.The number of day students, for instance, is down 8 percent from last year. At the same time, the number of evening students is up 2 percent from last year. Bateman attributes this to a healthy job market.

"The number of day students is down because of the employment picture. The economy is good, and there is a low unemployment rate," he stated matter-of-factly.

Bateman said he didn't know what effect the college name change had on the enrollment figures. "I doubt if the name change had any effect at all," says Bateman.

All of the community colleges in this county have a 2-5 percent enrollment decline, Bateman contends. "We (all the county community colleges) are in the same ballpark," he said.

Bateman also said that the statistics are not final. "We won't have the official results until the census release which takes place on Monday the fourth week of the semester."

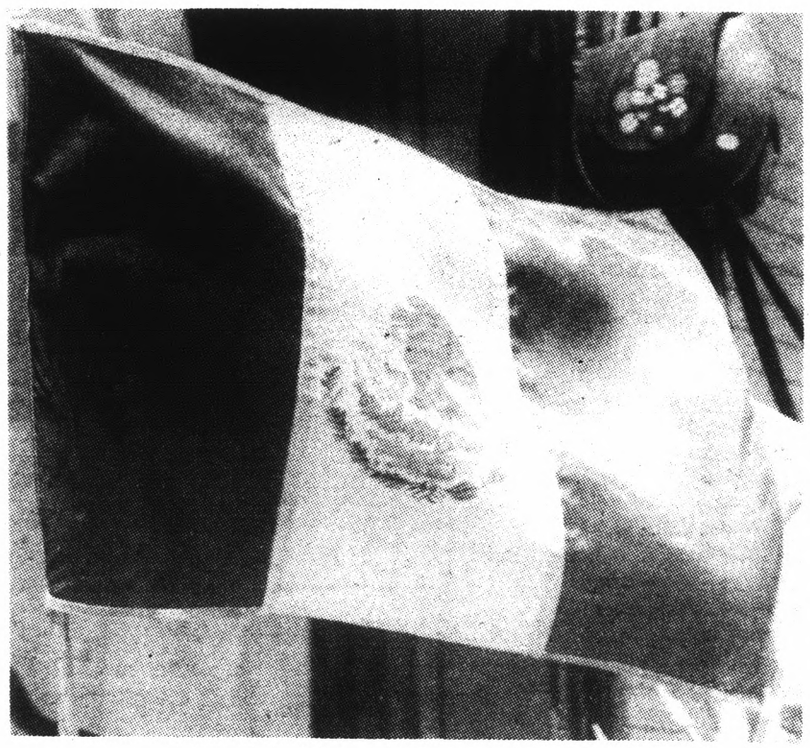
Mexican Independence Day

Hispanic clubs plan celebration

by Maria Duran
Staff Writer

Early on the morning of Sept. 16, 1810, father Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Mexican patriot and priest summoned parishioners to Mass in a small Mexican church.

Father Hidalgo asked his followers to take up arms against oppressors. This was the "Grito de Dolores," the speech that declared Mexico's independence. The Mexican people celebrate their independence each year on Sept. 16. At RSC, the day will be lauded in festivities co-sponsored by the Latinos Clubs, Equal Opportunity Program Service, MECHA, ASB and and Student Activities. The celebration is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday. Featured at the celebration will be Folkloric Dancers, the pep squad, guest speakers and Mariachis. Mariachi Zavala will perform from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.



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Gast takes on ASB challenges

by Barney Thompson
Staff Writer

At least one stiff chalenge faces the Associated Students of Rancho Santiago College.

"The biggest problem facing Student Government this year will be trying to incorporate the other RSC campus leaders into the already existing structure,"stated Randy Gast,the ASRSC President.

How does Gast feel about the new campus and its student?

"Well,I feel that we all go to RSC, we may go to a different campus but, it is still RSC. The students at the other campuses deserve the same things that the students at the Santa Ana campus receive. We are all one family."

Gast,a 21 year old political science major, who lives in Orange,has an aura of confidence about as he talks about student government.

"We have some top notch people this year. Some real good people. I have a good feeling knowing the quality of the students involved in student government,"stated Gast.

The ASRSC has been busy already this year looking into different ways to make the year exciting for all students,"this year we are going to try to have more programs that deal with academics of college,not just the fun and games like past student governments,"stated Gast.

With the added committment of being the President of the ASRSC,Gast finds his spare time non-existent. Combined with school and working in a law office, Gast has little time to enjoy the company of his wife, Sharon.

"Some times it gets really hard because she goes to CS Fullerton and she also works and I go to RSC and I also work.The time we have together is very important to the both of us,"stated Gast.

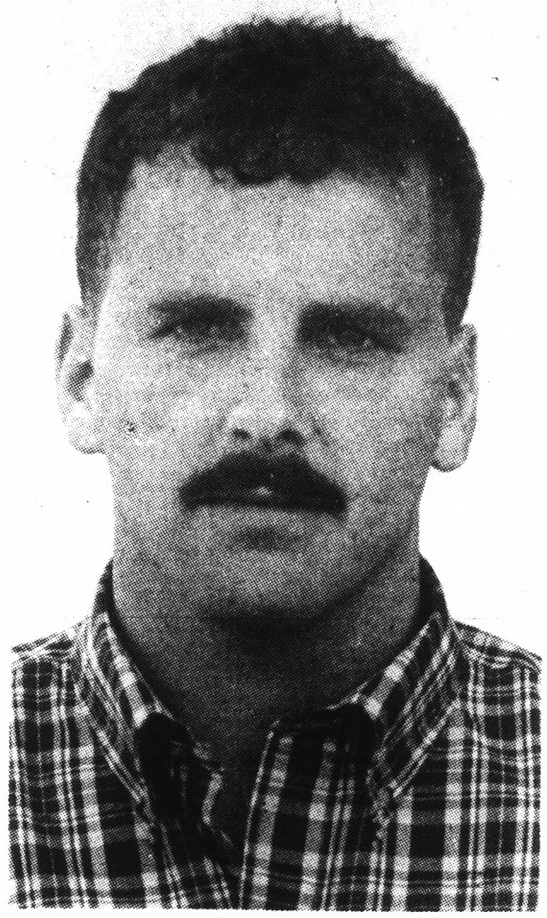
Gast would like to continue on in college his plans include,going to Stanford Law School and then opening his own law firm, Gast added also that "one day I would like to get into politics."

Concerning student government Gast added,"it gives a person a chance to work with students,faculty,administration and local community leaders."

Future Leaders



Randy Gast
ASB President



Ken Beko
ASB Vice-President

Beko prepares for the worst

by Barney Thompson
Staff Writer

Special Forces training provides experience for ASRSC vice president.

Ken Beko,an Army vet of fours with medical training, is willing to use his special forces training to get student government on the right track.

"We must be tight,well coordinated,have unilateral direction,we must have results and production not just the motion,"stated Beko.

Beko repeated much of what his friend and RSC President Randy Gast had stated.Also like Gast,Beko wants to see the ASRSC spend more time and money on the educational responsibilities that student government has to the student body.

"I feel that the ASRSC should be more educational and not so political,"stated Beko,in a cautious tone. Beko went on to add,"we want to provide the right environment for the operation of student government."

Beko, who wants to do a lot of operating in his future,intends to attend UC Riverside to continue his education in biology and pre-med.

"My main goal right now is to become a General Surgeon and practice world wide,"stated Beko.

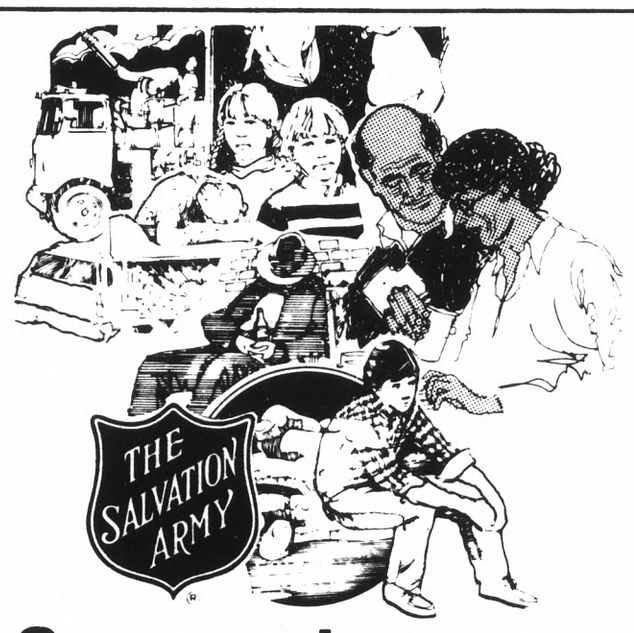
Beko is very excited about all the new services that the ASRSC will provide for the student body this year,"we have already had electric typewriters installed in the library for student use,we plan to have a lighted billboard placed on the mall for the convience of the night time students and we are also thinking about purchasing a satellite dish or having cable television installed in the student lounge."

With the student population on the minds both,Beko and Gast have vowed to help build up and establish new clubs.

"We want the clubs to know that there are resources available for clubs.If they have trouble getting started financially, all they have to do is to talk to Randy or myself," stated Beko.

However excited about the new year Beko does not share the same outlook as does his counterpart Randy Gast.

"The way I look at it is, I am hoping for the best but, I am prepared for the worst," stated Beko.



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Press deserves praise this time

Many say that television, movies, newspapers and the media in general inspire violent crime.

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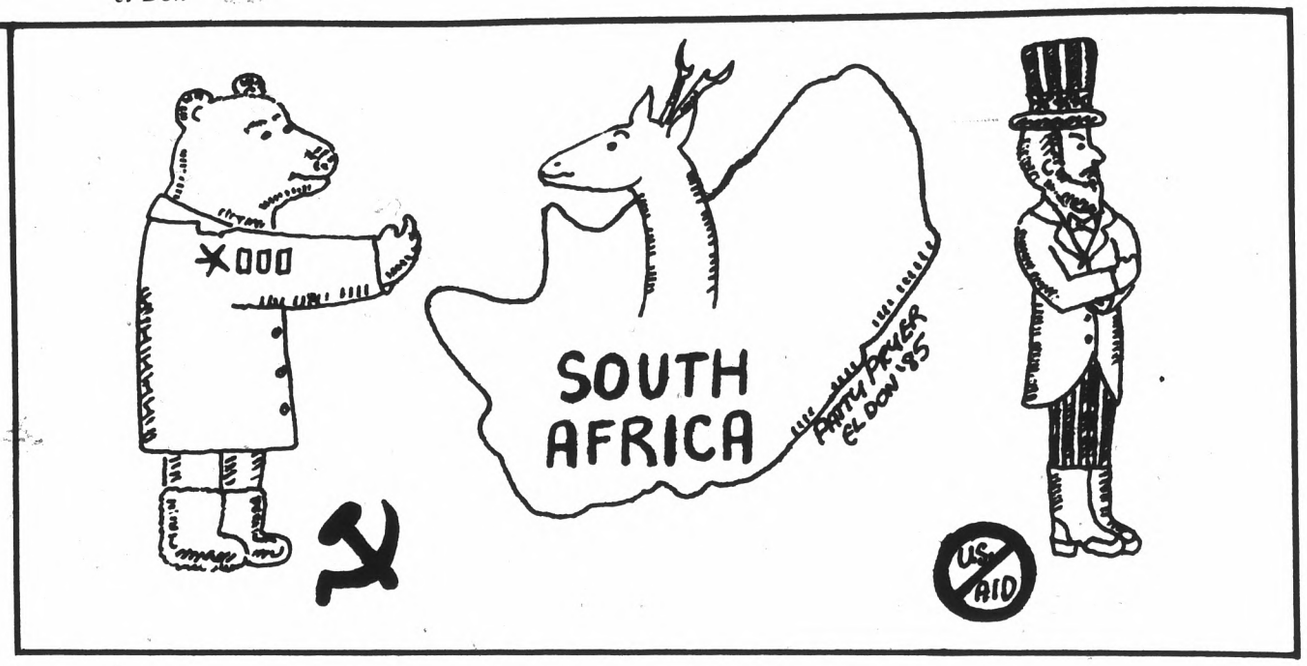
Responsible reporting of crimes by the media does perform a valuable public service.

While it is true that would-be criminals could have been inspired by news reports of the Night Stalker murders, other people who read and heard the reports were alerted to the crimes. They took measures that may have saved their lives.

El Don applauds the heroics of the East Los Angeles residents who responded to those reports. El Don also believes the media should receive some of the credit for the capture of the accused Night Stalker.

Without the media, Southern California still could be in the midst of a summer of terror.

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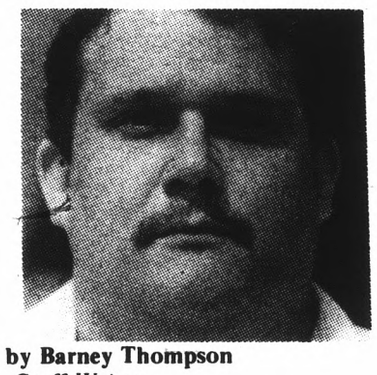
Editors lay down the 'el Don' law

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New campus – old problem



by Barney Thompson
Staff Writer

Well there it is, in all its magnificent glory—the new Orange campus.

The campus is not even completed yet and the administration has seen fit to jam students into its hazardous classrooms. Has anybody really taken a close look at the campus? Well, if you have, then you have probably noticed the lumber, nails, unfinished rooms, machinery running wild and bits and pieces of scraps lying about the area. Well this is the exciting new campus that the board of trustees promised the students.

I would have thought that the administration would have at least waited until completion of the campus before trying to hold classes at the campus. But no. So now they have about 2,665 students in an unfinished school in the middle of nowhere, trying to do their best to get some sort of education.

I think the whole atmosphere of the new campus is really unfair to the students who go there, and I just happen to be one of those students. After all, an important factor in the process of learning is providing the right atmosphere.

If the administration of this school insists upon sending some of its students half way across the county to get a very loose education, then what is the use of going to Rancho Santiago College anyway?

I honestly like this school and the Santa Ana campus, but what I feel about the Orange campus is not printable.

When I am in a classroom the last thing I want to hear is the sound of a drill or sander screaming wildly while my instructor is right in the middle of a lecture. It is very disheartening.

I personally feel that the classes at the Orange campus should be closed until the campus can be completed. The students enrolled at the campus should be allowed to either transfer their courses to open classes on this campus or be entitled to a full refund.

I think the board of trustees has, in its hurry to appease its critics, dealt a swift blow to the confidence of the students of RSC.

The board of trustees, in my opinion, has lost all respect for the students of Rancho Santiago College, and I have lost all respect for the board of trustees.

As several members of the board of trustees come up for re-election, maybe, just maybe, they will start to pay attention to the students. Or else they may not have the students to pay attention to.

If the board really wants to help the students, then why do they refuse to ask us our needs?

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My side

Rambo to the rescue

by Ken LaSalle
Staff Writer

School has encased our lives once again as summer has left us.

Now then, since school is here for learning (and many of us try as hard as possible to avoid learning during our summer stagnation), let us review some of the lessons we learned over the summer.

No. 1—We don't take airplanes! You've got to be crazy to take an airplane after all that has happened! Only a fool would travel via the current air method! Etc.

I mean, come on guys. How many of you are planning to fly, oh, let's say, to England? What about the trip back?

I just suppose God woke up one morning and said, "There they go again, trying to defy the laws of gravity."

No. 2—Not only are we not safe off the ground, but also, right here, at home.

Now, the Night Stalker thing really spooked us out. Thankfully, it's over.

The liberal court justices are probably thinking to themselves: "What a nut! All those killings, rapings and child-molestations. He couldn't have been serious!

"Gee," they think. "We couldn't violate his rights by executing him."

No. 3—Sly Stallone.

Let me explain.

Rocky—Okay, it was a good movie.

Rocky II—Well, Mr. Stallone, don't you think you're spreading it a little thin?

Rocky III—Come on ! Give us a break!!

Then came RAMBO. Now, I'm sure a lot of people liked it (aside from a large number of Vietnam vets!), but a RAMBO II?!?! Even, possibly, a RAMBO III!?!?! Maybe we'll be lucky, and the universe will end before that!

Now we hear that Rocky IV is soon to come.

Maybe that's why all those planes crashed. Some people just couldn't stand the thought of an eternity of "pulp films".

Personally, I think we should have hired RAMBO (or Rocky) (or RockBO) (or RAMby) back in May to zap the Night Stalker. Then, afterwards, if we were lucky, our hero would've taken a plane . . . a doomed one!

Oh, I'm sorry. He already has.

Apartheid

Native S. African speaks up



by Laura Graham
Staff Writer

Tom Taylor, 21, waved goodbye to his girlfriend and family in Johannesburg, South Africa to pursue his education in the United States.

After a car accident prevented him from completing his education in South Africa, Taylor moved to California to continue his schooling. He now lives with the family of Elaine Ellingwood, who lost her son in the same accident that Taylor was involved in.

Taylor had met the Ellingwood family during their missionary work in South Africa.

Ellingwood said she invited Tom to move in with her family so he could complete his education here. After being here for just 18 months, he has fulfilled the requirements for the GED, and also has completed one year at Rancho Santiago College.

Taylor has very strong feelings about the government and its policies he left behind in his country. He also has some definite opinions on the way his country is percieved by the press.

Taylor believes that the U.S. press stretches the facts and makes matters worse. "They dramatize the situation; it's not really all black against white, it's politics. The United States really can't help because they don't understand the cultural differences. President P.W. Botha is the most liberal president South Africa has ever had, but the blacks feel he's moving to slow and the whites feel he's sending them down the river."

The African National Congress, ANC, has been banned from the government in South Africa and has turned to guerrilla tactics. Taylor feels they are backed by the Russians with their final objective control of the minerals and waterways in South Africa.

"President Botha told your President Reagan, if the ANC is allowed to take over power, communism will move in completely," he said.

"Apartheid is destroying South Africa," Tom explained. "The blacks don't have any rights. The first change I see was the ruling last year that allowed blacks and whites to marry. Before the new law, if a couple did marry inter-racially, they could go to prison. Even now they have to move out to the homelands, areas created for blacks, because they aren't accepted by either race."

Taylor said he feels that sanctions won't help, they will just cause massive problems. "Your president just doesn't understand how things are in South Africa," he stated. "I think it's easy to give answers and solutions when you're in another country."

When asked how he felt about USA for Africa, he said it was a good cause, but it fell short when the food that was sent for the most part could not even be used and sat around rotting on the docks.

The youth in his country feels as he does that given time to work out their own problems they will succeed in ending racial separation. "Reagan is involved because of world pressure to do something," he added.

Taylor said he would rather stay in the United States than return to South Africa said he definitely wants to stay here. He commented that he has made many friends here, and is too critical of the lifestyle and government of South Africa to ever return.



Tom Taylor

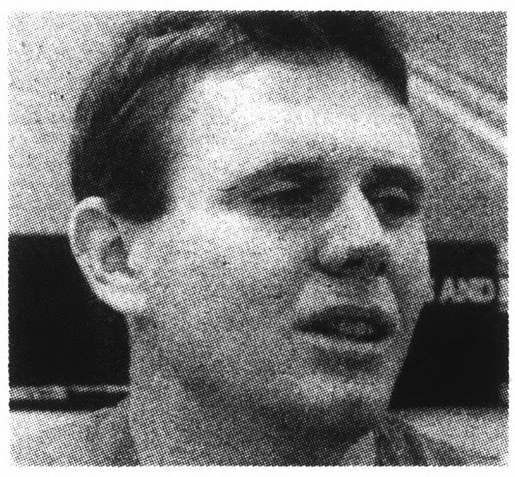
Campus Talk

Should the U.S. impose sanctions against S. Africa?



"Yes, I feel that what they are doing in that country is wrong. It parallels what we did in this country before the Civil War."

NAME-Sue Monahan
AGE-21
MAJOR-Communications



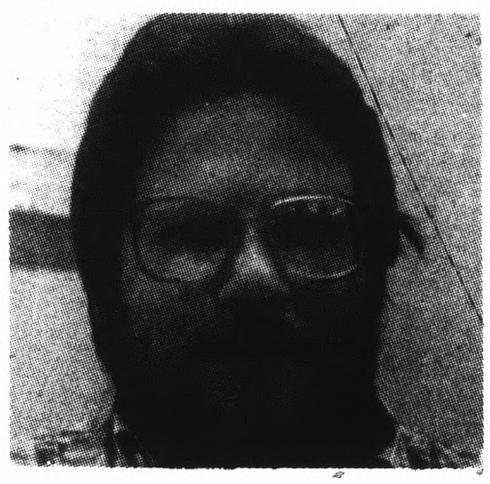
"No-We should be totally uninvolved.If we put sanctions on every nation doing things we don't agree with it would not work. Economic sanctions— we're cutting our own throats."

NAME-Andrew Bornhop
AGE-22
MAJOR-Engineering



"I think America should not have any thing to do with what goes on in South Africa. I think America should stay out of it."

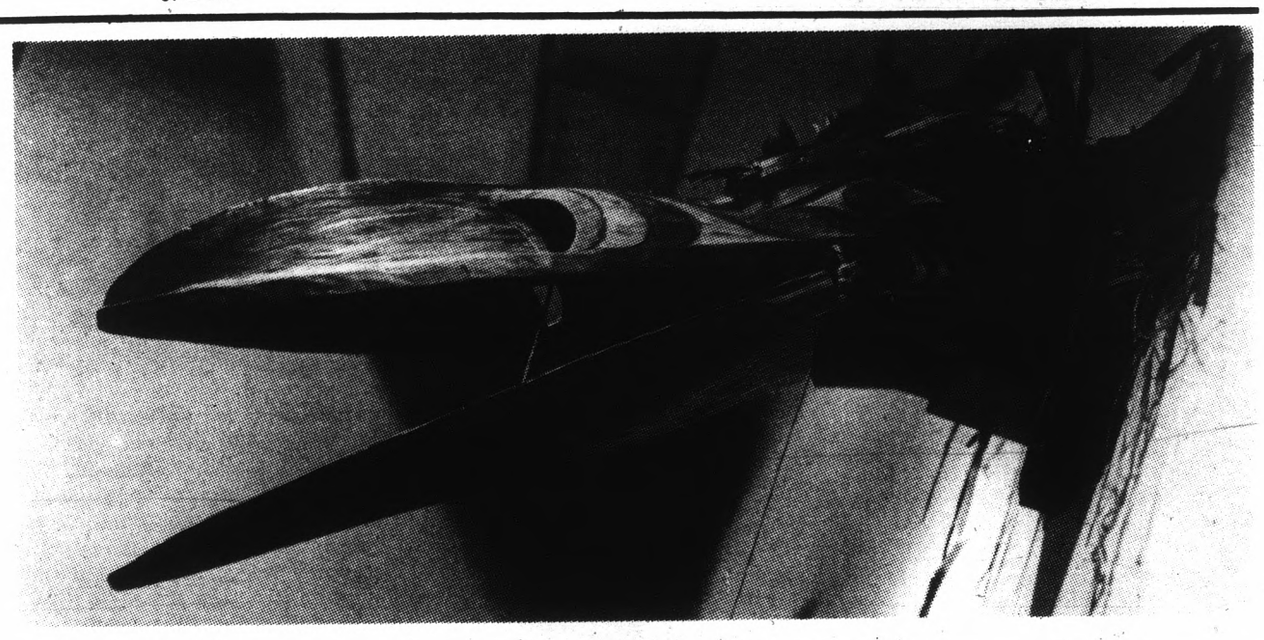
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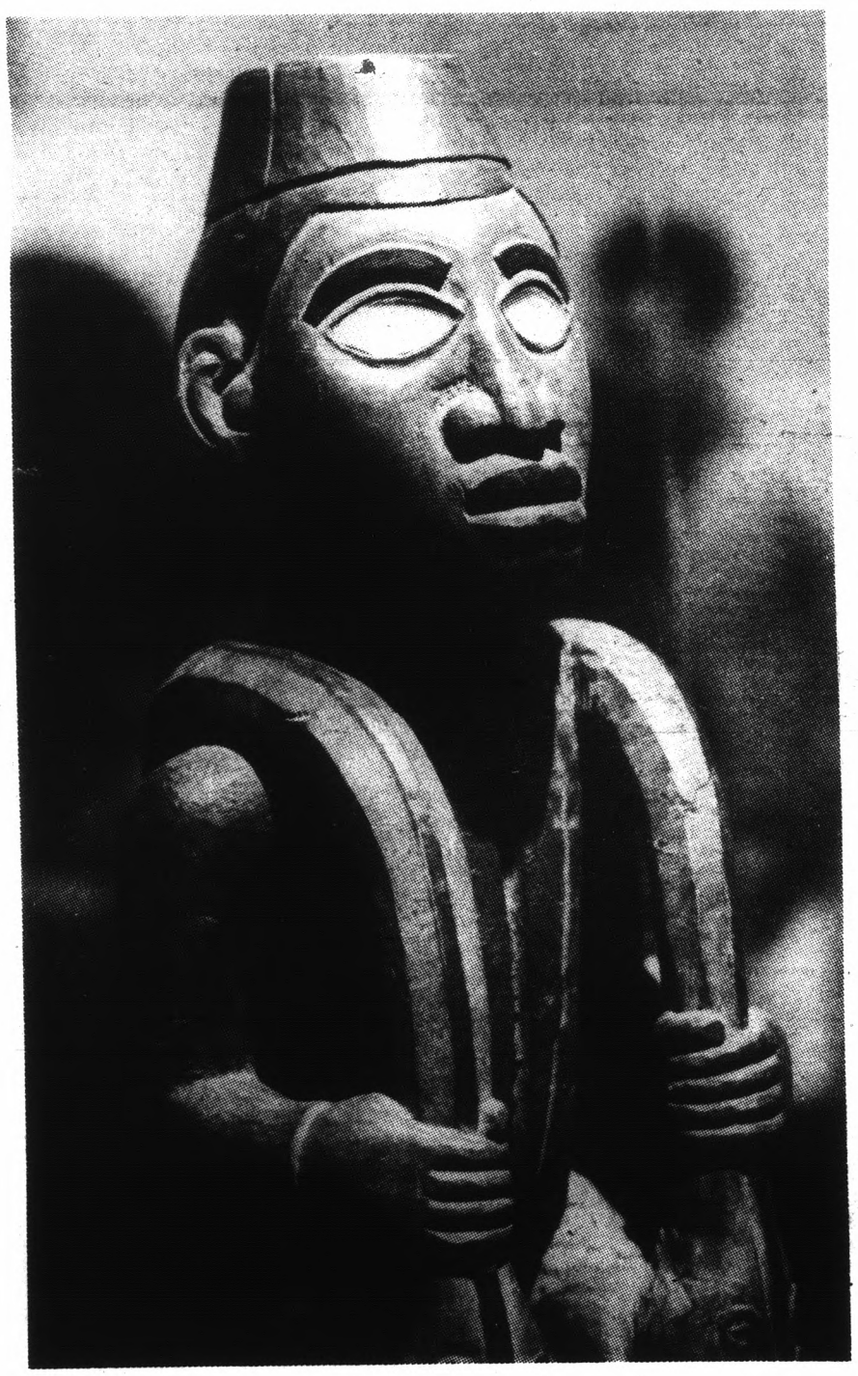
"Yes, we should interfere. I know that economic sanctions may hurt blacks, but it will hurt them more if we don't get involved."

NAME-Doug Lindenstein
AGE-27
MAJOR-Communications

Feel the 'Presence, Power' of art



Tribal sculptures— ranging from masks to totems— are on display until Oct. 18 in the RSC Art Gallery. The display, called "Power and Presence, Images of the Sublime from Africa, North America and the Pacific," includes more than 50 major works of tribal sculpture from seven museums and 10 private collections. Included in the display are a raven mask from a Northwest Indian cannibal dance, a puberty mask from Zaire and a shield from New Guinea. The display may be viewed from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



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Dons prepare nest for Hornets

Longstanding rivalry in jeopardy

by Wendy Reynolds
Managing Editor

In the beginning, there was Santa Ana College vs. Fullerton College. The people saw it and said it was good—and exciting.

Now, in what may possibly be the last time the schools collide, the tradition still flourishes and the rivalry still rages.

The two schools will meet on Saturday night, with RSC hosting Fullerton at Eddie West Field. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

The Fullerton-Santa Ana (now Rancho-Santiago) duel is firmly rooted in the Orange County community. The schools have been playing each other since 1921, making this the oldest community college competition not only in the state, but the nation.

In past seasons, this game has been held at Thanksgiving, towards the end of the football season. But this year it has been moved to the beginning of the season as a non-conference game.

This move was made because of the resturcturing of leagues among community college football teams. The new conference may jeopardize the future of long standing FC-RSC matches.

According to Coach Dave Ogas, having this game as an opener to the season will be difficult. "It will be a tough game for us to open with," he said, "because they are a very veteran team and we have a very new team."



UP THE MIDDLE-Freshman Joel McRae runs through a hole during practice. He,along with freshman Sean Sawyer will see action after starter Mike Jones went down with a knee injury. **Mike Padilla el Don**

With last season's game ending up 43-33 in Fullerton's favor, it's easy to see that FC-RSC contests can get exciting. This match is to two-year schools what the USC-UCLA game is to universities.

Hal Sherbeck, Fullerton's head football coach, was at the helm at FC when Ogas was a student there. So this is an ironic twist to an already interesting face-off.

Sherbeck says that everyone looks forward to this very important game. "This competition gives the young men a chance to play each other in a match that is very unpredictable in its outcome," he added.

Whatever the outcome, the Fullerton-RSC game should prove to be an exciting one. Even if this will be the last match between the two schools, the memories will live on.

The Dons started last season with four losses and then bounced back to win the next six out of seven games.

The Dons plan to use the same winning strategy as last year—only without the poor start.

Dons take state, Silva shines

by Alan Abair
Staff Writer

It was the type of season that softball coach Jim Reach could only dream about. This year, the dream came true.

On May 26, Rancho Santiago capped a nearly flawless season by winning the state title for the first time in the school's history.

"It's a great feeling," said Reach. "It's something you strive for.

"Many, many years you work hard for things and you don't get that reward. In fact, most coaches that are outstanding coaches probably will never get to have that feeling. So I feel very pleased, very fortunate and very elated to be a state champion."

The Dons had to win three games that day including two over top seed and South Coast Conference champion A2AA2 Fullerton for the title.

Alani Silva pitched a one-hitter and added a solo homer in the championship game against the Hornets. She was named most valuable player of the tournament and is now attending Cal State Fullerton.

"There wasn't any doubt in my mind from the beginning of the season that we had one of the four or five best teams in California," added Reach. "I felt that if we played to our potential. We certainly had what it took to win the state championship.

"It was a great team. They were very, very good. They did everything they had to do. We won 42 and lost three and we could have been 45-0 except for a couple of mistakes. It was that good of a team."

The previous high for victories in a season was 31 in 1984.

Shortstop Sam Arledge, who received a full scholarship to UCLA, was named most valuable hitter of the tourney. She hit .500 with four RBIs and five runs scored.

Outfielder Lesa Godfrey was named to the all-tournament team. She set school records in home runs (6) and runs scored (40) despite battling a season-long knee injury. She is now attending Oklahoma State on a full scholarship.



Alani Silva

Dons open '85 without Jones

by Wendy Reynolds
Managing Editor

RSC's football team kicks off the 85 season Saturday night against the Hornets of Fullerton College, showcasing some new faces sprinkled amongst the returning players.

The Dons opener with Fullerton is really going to be a test seeing that starting tailback Mike Jones is out indefinitely because of a knee injury. Freshman Sean Sawyer will be his replacement.

"We're going to play to win, and not defeat ourselves by making mistakes," said Dave Ogas, RSC's head football coach.

The team also plans to utilize the offense to its fullest potential this year.

Returning to lead the offense are wide receiver Ira Graham, center Dean Allman, and running back Larry Brown.

New players on the offensive side of the ball include wide receiver Rich Robinson, running back Sean Sawyer and tight end Ed Nassar.

Defensively, the experience lies with returnees, Mark Lilly at defensive back, Shawn Sampson at linebacker and Ron Bower anchoring the line.

Newcomers to the defense are back Doug Rogers, lineman Pat Kyle, and end Steve Bancroft.

Coach Ogas claims the team has the experience where needed, in the offensive line and in the secondary.

In addition to their playing ability, Ogas says that the players this year are good people and good students. Most of them are going on to four year colleges or universities. "They're not just some piece of meat out there playing football," Ogas added.

"I would like to thank the faculty for being so supportive," Ogas added. "And, I would like to encourage the student body to come out and watch the games."

The Dons have five home games scheduled this year, starting with the clash against Fullerton College at Eddie West Field on Saturday night.

RSC retires Number 18

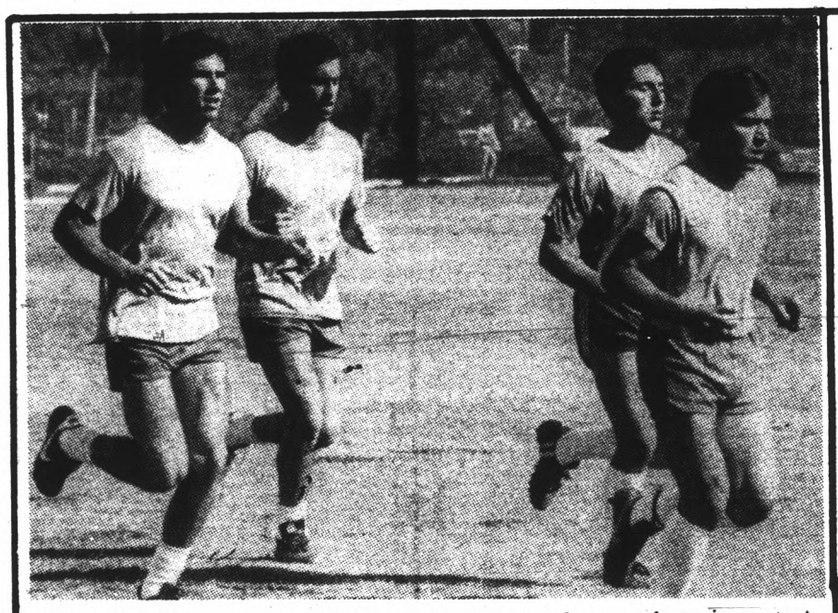
by Alan Abair
Staff Writer

On June 3, former Rancho Santiago softball player Alani Silva became only the third athlete in the school's history to have a number retired, said Athletic Director Roger Wilson.

Silva wore number 18 during the past two seasons at RSC. Football player Keith Luhnow had his number 48 retired in 1961 and baseball star Ed Amelung's number 44 was retired in 1979.

"She is a two-time player-of-the-year in California," said coach Jim Reach. "She has achieved the highest honor a women's softball player can achieve in Community College athletics.

"In my mind, that may be a once in a lifetime thing that will happen here. And I felt that we should honor her even more so by retiring her jersey," Reach added.



ON THE GO-Members of the defending confrence champions start conditioning for the 1985 season.

Mike Padilla el Don

Volleyball keeping feet on the ground

by John Hamilton
Staff Writer

"We're starting with a whole new group (of volleyball players) this year," said women's volleyball coach Nancy Warren.

The success of the squad will depend on defense and teamwork. Warren, beginning her 20th season at the helm of the women's volleyball team says that the "defense is very good." This feeling is shared by assistant coach, Rose Argo who feels that "the defense is our strong point."

Warren has been an active force in RSC sports for many years. She has coached softball, basketball, field hockey and volleyball. Warren is excited about working with the new players.

"When you start with a whole new group, you learn as much as they do," said Warren.

Although teamwork is a key factor, every squad has its stars. Two talented girls will generate much of the excitement for the Dons this year.

Trisha Sasan will be setting up the action. In Warren's opinion she's the best setter on the team.

Sasan was a standout at Santa Ana High where she helped the team to three consecutive CIF playoff berths and one Century League Championship. She was first-team all-league three years in a row and team MVP twice.

Lana Friedman will be taking Sasan's sets and trying to drill them into the opposition's floor. Friedman was all-league at Magnolia High in 1981.

The volleyball season opens today with a tournament at Saddleback. League powerhouses Orange Coast and Golden West will also be competing. Play begins at 1 p.m.

CrossCountryhas potential

by Cris Luth
Staff Writer

The Don's cross country team, having already opened it conference schedule, will have its ability tested today, as it faces 19 teams in the Moorpark Invitational at Moorpark College. Competition starts at 3:00 p.m.

Coach Al Siddon will field a strong team this year, having added 12 men and seven women to the team.

Leading the Don's men's team will be proven distance runners Sergio Ocadiz, Reuben Esparza and Chris Curtis.

The women's team will be lead by Kellie Miller, Rosa Vargas and Kerin Berry.

Siddon will have a new assitant coach this year, as Melissa Smith joins the cross country staff. Smith, a former Don student, is a seven-year veteran of cross country. She will be in charge of recruiting.

Also competing for the men's team will be Ramon Lopez and Joe Nevarez.

Contributing to the strength of the women's team will be: Socorro Godoy, Patty Degree, Wendy Reynolds and Louise Warner.

What's up in sports

Friday September 13th:

Volleyball-Saddleback Pool Play at Saddleback 1:00 pm.

Soccer-Oxnard at Santa Ana Campus 3:00pm.

Cross Country-Moorpark Invitational at Moorpark 3:00pm.

Saturday September 14th:

Water Polo-GWC Tournament at Huntington Beach All Day

Football-Fullerton at Santa Ana 7:30pm

Sunday September 15th:

Soccer-Sagit Valley College at Santa Ana 11:00am

Tuesday September 17th:

Soccer-L.A. Mission Collegen at Santa Ana 3:00pm

Wednesday September 18th:

VolleyBall-Santa Ana Pool Play at Santa Ana 2:00pm

Cross Country-MSAC, Cypress Santa Ana Irvine Park 3:00pm

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